



CITY OF ENGLEWOOD WEEKLY REPORT

Week of October 21, 2024

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- [Council Calendar](#)
- Council Request Responses
 - [CRT 0845](#) (Wright) - HAAT Force severe weather funding.
 - [CRT 0857](#) (Russell) - Library Hours
 - [CRT 0861](#) (Sierra) - City website Election Banner
 - [CRT 0852](#) (Sierra) - Asbestos removal at Sam's Automotive
- [Outstanding Council Requests](#)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- **City Manager's Office**
 - Met with Swedish Hospital CEO and COO and Mayor Sierra, Hilarie Portell and Dan Poremba to welcome new CEO and discuss growth plans for Swedish and the City's Old Hampden Complete Streets Project.
 - Sustainability Division is planning the first-ever [Community Climate Resilience Workshops](#) November 6th and 13th.
 - **Community climate resilience**--the ability of a community to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of climate change. Workshops have the goal of bringing diverse voices from the Englewood community together in order to 1.) identify how climate vulnerabilities in Englewood are being felt, 2.) Co-develop community-driven solutions that will help Englewood prepare and adapt to climate challenges. This directly advances the city's strategic plan project to, "Implement climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and projects, especially in areas with the highest climate change vulnerability risk."
- **Communications**
 - Englewood in the News:
 - [Law firm hired by Englewood says purchase of campaign signs was legal](#)
 - [People encouraged to shop local in Englewood](#)
 - [Englewood Board of Education member Davon Williams pleads guilty to criminal mischief](#)
 - [Man arrested at Englewood City Council meeting](#)

- [Total crimes in Englewood decrease while drug offenses spike, according to new crime trends](#)
 - City of Englewood Monthly Email Newsletter – 3,839 subscribers
 - COE Social Media Engagement Statistics
 - Facebook
 - Number of Posts: 18
 - 9 New Followers
 - Top Post: South [Englewood Flood Reduction Project](#)
 - Instagram
 - Number of Posts: 18
 - 9 New Followers
 - Top Post: [Traffic Cabinet Wraps](#)
 - Parks & Recreation Social Media Engagement Statistics
 - Facebook
 - Number of Posts: 9
 - 7 New Followers
 - Top Post: [Bellevue Park Critters](#)
 - Instagram
 - Number of Posts: 10
 - 4 New Followers
 - Top Post: [Bellevue Park Critters](#)
- **Community Development**
 - Short Term Rental (STR) Report – The [STR Report](#) for October 24th.
 - Affordable Housing Task Force – The next meeting of the task force is on November 7th, when the task force members will continue to refine their recommendations.
 - Citizens Planning School – The third and final session of Citizens Planning School 2.0 took place October 25th. Matt McBride of Confluence Development spoke about the development process from the perspective of the private sector. Vicki McDermott and Bryan Isham spoke about the new land use-related state laws.



- **Finance**

- We received notification of the City's (Issuer) annual Moody's rating. The City's rating remains unchanged at Aa2 which is the third highest level on their scale. The Issuer Rating reflects the government's ability to repay debt and debt-like obligations without consideration of any pledge, security, or structural features. A high credit rating such as this can help the City borrow funds at a lower interest rate.
- On Wednesday, October 30th, the Finance Department will host the first in-person city tax and licensing workshop since the pre-Covid olden' days! We have emailed the [flyer and registration details](#) to every licensed in-city business. Please forward to local businesses and to accountants and bookkeepers who might benefit from this content. Space is limited to 50 participants and the workshop is filling up!
 - **What:** City of Englewood Sales & Use Tax and Business Licensing Workshop
 - Topics to include: What is taxable? What is exempt? Licensing Requirements. How to File and Pay. Special Business Licenses (e.g. Food Trucks). Colorado Sales and Use Tax Landscape. State-Administered Sales and Use Tax System (SUTS) for local tax compliance.
 - Refreshments will be provided!
 - **Where:** Hampden Hall, Englewood Civic Center 2nd Floor
 - **When:** Wednesday, October 30th, 10am-12:30pm
 - Local businesses and taxpayers can sign up to attend by visiting bit.ly/COE-tax-workshop or scan the QR code.



- **Parks, Recreation, Library and Golf**

- Emerson Park renovation design public meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22nd at Emerson Park. Over 40 residents attended the meeting to hear about the potential improvements and provide feedback to the consultants and staff. The [survey](#) for Emerson Park will be open until November 4th.



- Bates & Logan construction continues to move along. The layout for the new playground is complete, and drilling for the equipment will begin on Friday. For safety purposes, a temporary fence will be installed in the next few days. The yellow line dictates where the fence will be installed.



- Park Restrooms are in the process of being winterized. Port-o-lets are being placed in the parks for the winter and will be serviced on a weekly basis.
- 28 patrons joined the Malley Excursion on October 21st to explore Estes Park & enjoy some treats from the CO Cherry Company. Smiles for miles and a trip well enjoyed!



- The next step for the Broken Tee Golf Action Plan is to work with Finance to determine whether the General Fund could absorb a loan, create a loan model, and provide additional information on Broken Tee's finances. This information would be shared with City Council ideally in November.
- Geese deterrents, i.e. flashing lights near the water, will be installed soon at Broken Tee. Staff will also place coyote statues. The outcome will deter the migrating geese from staying on the property.
- The Agronomics Team is working on replacing drain basins near the cart paths on the holes east of the river.
- The 2024 Annual Trunk or Treat event was held Saturday October 19th at Civic Center with over 2,400 people in attendance and 30+ trunks and tents passing out treats. The kids were all smiles and would stop and eat a treat before the next trunk. Thank you to all the city departments and staff who help to make this event special!





- The Englewood Aquatics staff recently conducted a First Aid in-service where they were able to use casualty kits to create real to life management of first aid incidences. This was a great benefit to staff to better manage first aid events.
- The Tidal Waves age group swim team competed in their last swim meet at Northridge Recreation Center in Highlands Ranch and had a great meet overall! Overall, the team brought home 24 first place ribbons. Everyone one of the swimmers improved on their race times in at least one event, and everyone brought home at least one first-place ribbon. Kudos to coaches Jaxon McMichael and Emma Heidrich for their efforts with the swim team this season
- The library's Early Reader Book Club is back in session! The participants read haunted stories and made disco ghosts.



- The library Children’s team also hosted a Sensory Spooktacular where they painted, chalked and cotton balled ghosts. They also tried their hand at ghostbusting by squirting vinegar at Ghost Foam.



- **Public Works**

- South Englewood Flood Reduction Update: This week work began on the water line at the intersection of Stanford and Navajo. It is necessary to make some replacements to the waterline components before the box culvert can head through the intersection and down Stanford. Excavation continues at the new pond area. Work at Rotolo is in full swing, bollards have been removed and earthwork is beginning.
- Dartmouth Bridge Update: Patchback work along the north side of Dartmouth has been completed. All traffic signal poles are in place, and we are waiting for Xcel to hook up power to the poles so we can turn on the new lights, this will likely happen in a few weeks. Milling on Dartmouth will begin early next week, and we are looking to pave the WB lanes immediately after. The contractor is planning to waterproof the deck on November 4th which will take ~4 days at which point we can add the pavement wearing surface. Work continues on the south side to relocate utilities so that the sidewalk and widened portion of roadway can be installed.

- **Utilities**

- **AMI Program Update**
 - As of October 24th, the AMI contractor has exchanged or retrofitted a total of 5,535 meters.
- **Lead Program Update:**
 - The Lead Reduction Program is scheduled to replace 27 lead or galvanized service lines next week. The majority of these replacements will occur along the 2800 to 3000 blocks of Sherman St, and the 2800 block of S Lincoln St.
 - As a part of the Lead Reduction Program, the program manager continuously updates the Service Line Inventory Map as the material of service lines in the water service area is physically verified. This map is publicly available [here](#).
- **Billing System Conversion Update:**
 - Anticipate full recovery of the utility billing schedule by November, at which time, we also anticipate the issues with the graph and consumption data appearing on the bill to be resolved.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- November 4th The Giving Tree at Malley. Pick up an “Ornament Request” from the tree and return the gift wrapped by December 4th.
- November 8th Veteran’s Appreciation Breakfast at Malley. Bring your favorite Veteran and join us for a complimentary breakfast.
- Next Recreation Program Registration is November 11th for Residents and November 14th for Non-Residents.
- Rotolo Park Design Public Meeting – Thursday, November 21st from 5:30-7 p.m. location Civic Center Community Room. At 5:45 p.m. the consultants will provide a

presentation on the proposed park renovations and then open the room for feedback on the designs. All ages are welcome to attend.

- Holiday Market and Tree Lighting- Saturday, December 7th. Market from 9am-4pm and Tree Lighting 4pm- 6pm with the tree being lit close to 5:15 p.m. pm.
<https://www.inglewoodco.gov/our-city/events/upcoming/holiday-market-tree-lighting>
- [Tickets for Holiday Express](#) are on sale. \$14 per ticket. Kids 2 and under are free. Tickets are selling fast!
 - The event is December 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th, 3:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Train only on Sundays, December 8th and 15th
- October 25th 1:30 p.m. –3:30 p.m. Malley Live Radio Show-War of the Worlds

COMMUNITY KUDOS

- [E-mail from PJ Kolnik](#)
I'm writing to comment both the Parks team and Goodbea Associates, the hired consultant, for the hosting and discussion in the Emerson Park planning meeting last night. While the meeting started with clear high emotions as people awaited the explanation of the proposed changes, their de-escalation skillset was on clear display as they discussed the cost, the reasoning, and potential increases in traffic.

Both groups did well at explaining and involving myself and my neighbors in the following:

- 1) They explained how the potential funding was split between critical infrastructure improvements (irrigation) and aesthetic improvements (trees, trails, play equipment).
- 2) They have a very thoughtful "right-sized" design that encourages a neighborhood feel without becoming a "destination park" that had people concerned about traffic. It complements the significant improvements at Bates Logan well without trying to compete but rather encourage another community gathering spot.
- 3) They referred back to a lot of the feedback given during the May Neighborhood Nights program and had boards available to not only show a conceptual plan, but also the types of features that the neighborhood could provide feedback on.
- 4) They did a good job of explaining how the floodplain in this area impacts the overall design approach, grading, feature selection and improvement options.

I'm encouraged by the selection of Goodbea as a design consultant as its clear that Marico and the whole team have experience designing parks at different scales and incorporating community feedback.

I look forward to their contribution at Cushing and Rotolo parks as well if they are involved in those.

Thank you,
PJ Kolnik

- Phone Message from Chenango Ave resident Andre Brower
Called to say, "Thank you for street sweeping" He really appreciates it and feels it is a great need for our community to stay looking clean!